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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28th-July, through Sunday, 4th-August there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, P5, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9, RODRIGUEZ ISLAND

After the success of the J52EME DXpedition by the Verona DX Team, the team is pleased to announce the activation **Rodriguez Island (AF-017)**, for EME activity on 144 and 432 MHz as well as HF oper- ations between September 1-9th. The team is currently awaiting approval of the callsign 3B9EME. Operators mentioned are Walter/I3VJW (CW & Digital), Luc/I3LDP (SSB), and Rony/IZ3KIF & Alessandro/IK5MIC (SSB & Digital). They will have 2 stations on at the same time on the HF bands, with an emphasis on 160/80/40/30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65hf and PSK31. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1825, 3520, 7020, 10105, 14020, 18075, 21020, 24895 and 28020 kHz
SSB - 1835, 3780, 7065/7160, 14150, 18150, 21300, 24945 and 28430 kHz
RTTY - 3580, 7050, 10140, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHx
6M - SKEDs

For more details, visit the 3B9EME Web site at:

http://www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/3b9_2013.htm

3DA0, SWAZILAND (Update to OPDX.1120)

Roger/ZS6RJ and a Multi-Inter- national team of operators will be active as 3DA0ET from Piggs Peak, Swaziland, between November 18-27th. Some of the operators also took part in the 2012 7P8D DXpedition. According to Frosty, K5LBU, the 3DA0ET team is still looking for operators, especially some RTTY operators. Currently, operators mentioned are Emil/DL8JJ, Frosty/K5LBU, Neil/ VA7DX, Keith/VE7MID, Sam/ZS6BRZ and Roger/ZS6RJ. If you are interested in be an operator, contact: Roger/ZS6RJ at: **roger.jones@vodamail.com**
Frosty/K5LBU at: **3da0cf@gmail.com**

They plan to have 4 stations on the air, covering all the HF bands (160-10 meters) and 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There will be a focus on RTTY and they plan to have a dedicated full-time RTTY station on the air from start to finish. Roger, ZS6RJ, informs OPDX readers, "We're also running an up-front survey (link on the home page) asking DXers what bands/modes etc. they need the most for Swaziland. We're going to use the information we get as a tool to focus our areas of concentration in our operating schedule once we're there and try to hit the 'most wanted' band slots per continent."

Activity will also include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-two entry. Dick, N7RO, will be the QSL Manager for 3DA0ET. Tony, LZ1JZ, will be printing and supplying the QSL cards. QSOs will be uploading daily to LoTW and ClubLog. They will not be using eQSL. More specific details about direct and Bureau QSLs will follow in due course, closer toward the end of the DXpedition. Watch the 3DA0ET Web page for updates at:

http://www.swazidx.org

4O, MONTENEGRO

Operators Goran/YT7AW and Ivan/YT4RA/IV3CTS will be active as 4O/homecall from Montenegro between August 6-15th. Activity will be starting from Durmitor National Park (4OFF-002), and then followed by seaside activity, with possible stopover on **EU-163 (Crna Gora).** QSL via their home callsigns as per **QRZ.com**.

5A, LIBYA (Update)

Abubaker, DL1AL, who is now active as 5A1AL near Tripoli, informs OPDX that his stay will depend on the holiday and the business here and there. Activity this past week has been on 40/30/20/6 meters CW and 20 meters SSB. QSL via DL1AL.

5C0, MOROCCO

The "Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club" (CERAC - TP2CE) in partnership with the "Association royale des Radio Amateur du Maroc" (ARRAM) will be active as 5C0CE at 2300z, August 19th. Activity is to commemorate the Revolution, the King and the People, (August 20th) and Youth Celebration's Day (August 21st). Operations are usually on all HF bands and modes, and possibly the satellites. QSL via F5LGF.
An online log search will be available at: **http://ewwa.free.fr**
The ARRAM Web site is at: **http://www.arram.org**
QSL cards will be printed beginning September.

5H, TANZANIA (Just A Reminder)

NODXA member Byron, KF8UN, will be active as 5H3BB from here between now and August 20th. He will be there on a safari with his YL Sandy, K8FUN. Activity is possible on 40-15 meters, but mostly 20 meters and on SSB with some CW. He will use an IC-706 into a mag mount vertical and/or dipole. QSL via his home callsign direct.

8Q, MALDIVES

Operators Herbert/DL7AHF and Michael/DG8MH will be active as 8Q7HF and 8Q7MH, respectively, from the **Maldives Islands (AS-013)** until August 11th. QSL via their home callsign.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA

Toru, JH0CJH, will once again operate as 9M2/JH0CJH from Kuala Lumpur between August 5-9th. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6 meters, but mainly 40-10 meters. Mode will be mainly CW, but he will try to work on RTTY and PSK31. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA (Update IOTA/LH Op!)

Members of the Melaka DX Team will be active as 9M2MI (not 9M4LHU as first announced) from the Pulau Undan LightHouse on **Undan Island (AS-097**, WLOTA LH 3792, ARLHS WMA 013) between August 16-18th. Their activity will include this year's Inter- national Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend [ILLW] (August 17-18th). Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Mohd/9M2YOT, Aimil/9M2AUR, Syamsul/9M2ESM, Abdul/9M2ARR, Kamarul/ 9M2TRX, Mohamad/9M2UST, Nazmi/9W2GSG, Mohd/9W2EJT, Hanizan/9W2JUM and Khairul/9W2FNN. QSL via 9M2YOT direct only. Look for more details and updates at:

http://www.melakadxclub.blogspot.com

AO8, CANARY ISLANDS (LH Op!)

Members of the Grupo DX Gran Canaria and URE Las Palmas will be active as AO8LH from Puna de la Aldea Lighthouse (DME: 35020, DIE: S-005, FEA: D2814.7, CAI: 032, EAFF-078) during the ILLW, August 17-18th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. The ARLHS number is currently unassigned. QSL via EA8AKN and LoTW.

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

> **4S7NZG** Sri Lanka (renewal); 2013 Operation
> **6O0LA** Somalia; 2013 Operation
> **9M4SLL** Spratly Islands; 2012 2013 Operations
> **9Q6CC** Democratic People's Republic of the Congo; 20102011 Operation
> **9X0EME** Rwanda; 2013 Operation
> **T6JM** Afghanistan; 2012 Operation
> **XW0YJY** Laos; 2013 Operation
> **XW4XR** Laos; Current Operation
> **Z80ID** South Sudan; Special 1-Day operation for Independence Day celebration July 9th, 2013

NOTE: If you've had any of these rejected in a prior application, send a note to **bmoore@arrl.org** to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Also, please note the submission date and/or reference number where the rejection was noted to expedite the search for any rejected QSOs.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Bob, DL7VOA, will be active as EA8/homecall between now and August 17th. Activity will be holiday style, CW and mainly during his evening night. QSL via DL7VOA, direct or by the Bureau.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

. Andrew, G7COD, will be active as EA8/homecall from **Gran Canaria (AF-004**, DIE S-005, WLOTA L 0969) between August 9-31st. Activity will be on 30-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL and LoTW.

EH200, SPAIN (Special Event)

Members of the Union de Radioaficionados de Donostia (URD) will activate the Spanish special event station EH200D from La Mota Castle between August 24-25th, and then again from the URD HQ (EA2URD) between August 31st and September 1st. Activity is to commemorate the bicentenary of the reconstruction of Donostia- San Sebastian. QSL via EA2URD. More detailed info is available on **QRZ.com** and on the Web page:

http://www.ea2urd2013.blogspot.com.es

FOC PRESS RELEASE (FOCUS75 Magazine)

\ Roger, G3SXW, FOC Committee Secretary, sent out the following on July 29th:

> "During the month of May 2013 the First Class CW Operators' Club hosted a CW QSO Party, FOC75, to help celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary. This turned into a major CW fun event for the whole month. Over 60 stations around the world signed with the *FOC prefix, making over 200,000 CW QSOs and leading to over 1,600 applications for our commemorative certificate - well beyond our wildest dreams. This was a major tribute to Samuel Morse, Alfred Vail and to the Club's

motto: 'A man should keep his friendship in constant repair' (Samuel Johnson, 1709-1789).

FOC publishes a quarterly magazine for its members called 'FOCUS', a high-quality magazine edited by Gabor, S57WJ. But this FOC75 event met with such huge success that we have decided to publish an extra edition, called 'FOCUS75'. FOC is pleased to share this special edition of our magazine with not only members but also anyone who enjoys CW. Just go to **http://www.g4foc.org/** to down-load it. Read the whole story of this month-long celebration of Morse Code, especially the operating experiences around the world, and see photos of those who made it happen in a pull-out poster.

CW is alive and well and will remain so for at least the next 75 years - FOC will see to that!"

FT5ZM AMSTERDAM ISLAND DXPEDITION UPDATE (From The FT5ZM Web Page). [edited]

"The Amsterdam Island DXpedition team wants to hear well and be well heard on the low bands. This means we need a lot of wire.

WB9Z, with the help of NV9L, K9NU, N9TK, K9TP, N9LAH, W9ILY, KE9I, K9CJ, and 'Lee', has prepared over 10,000 feet of radials for our 30, 40, 80, and 160 meter verticals. We will also have several low band receive antennas — both wire antennas and a receive 4-Square. In the photo

http://www.amsterdamdx.org/wp-content/uploads/DSCF0105-150x150.jpg
Jerry WB9Z, and our pilot, Val NV9L, are shown with over 10,000 feet of pre-cut radials and over 10,000 feet of coax cut to length with connectors attached."

HC, ECUADOR

\ Emanuelle, IK2OHG, will be active as HC2IOH from Guayaquil between August 10th and September 12th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters, including 30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

IOTA NEWS

AS-060. Members of the South Korean Gwangju DX Club (6L0NJ), will be active as D7G from **Jindo Island** between August 16-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via 6L0NJ, by the Bureau or direct.

AS-109. REMINDER! Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) continue to activate various islands and lighthouses to celebrate the RRC's 20th anniversary until September 30th. Look for the RT9K team to be active as R20RRC/8 from **Zhuravlinyi Island** (RR-026-43) between August 9-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL R20RRC/1 via RZ3EC. For more details and updates, watch:

http://robinsons.ru

EU-008. JUST A REMINDER! Operators Andy/M1LOL and Ray/M1REK will be active as MM1REK from the **Isle of Coll** (IOSA NH05, SCOTIA DI12, WLOTA 2123) in the Inner Hebrides group between August 5-10th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via M1REK, by the Bureau or direct. See the Web site at:

http://www.m1rek.co.uk/isle-of-coll

EU-037. Ric, DL2VFR, will be active as SD7V from **Öland Island** starting Saturday, August 10th, until Friday, August 23rd. Activity will be mostly on CW and some SSB. Also, a short entry in the ILLW (August 17-18th) is possible from Tokenäs Udde Lighthouse signing SD7V/LH. QSL for SD7V only via DL2VFR (by the Bureau, LoTW, eQSL or direct).

NA-058. Twelve operators from the Tamiami ARC will be active as K4S from **Sapelo Island** between September 12-14th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK.

NA-134/ (Update) Bo, OZ1DJJ, is now active as OX3LX from Kangerlussuaq
NA-243. until August 5th. Look for him to activate **Aasiaat Island (NA-134)** between August 5-9th, but after that look for him to be active from **NA-243** a week later (August 15-23rd). Activity will be active on the HF bands. QSL via OZ1PIF. For more info and updates, see:

http://geronne.dk

OC-197. Adhi (Bimbo), YB3MM, will be active as YB3MM/p from **Bawean Island** sometime soon. For updates, watch his Web Blog page at:

http://www.yb3mm.com

OC-233. Tony, VK3VTH, will be active as homecall/7 from **King Island** between August 15-18th. Activity will be on 40/20 meters using SSB. He will also be in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, from Currie Lighthouse (AU-0016), August 17-18th. QSL via VK3VTH, direct or by the Bureau. Bureau cards will be sent for all QSOs immediately after the activation. No LoTW or eQSL for King Island operation.

OC-236. Operators Kadek/YB9BU and Teddy/YC1BPO will be active as homecall/8 from **Gangga Island** at the end of August.

OC-276. (Update - NEW ONE!) Members of the "ORDA PAPUA DXPEDITION TEAM" will activate for the first time **Mapia Island** as YB9Y between October 20-28th. Operators mentioned are Yanuarius/YB9YZ, Triadi/YB0KVN, Faisal/YB1PR, Pri/YB0ECT, Gjellani/YB1GJS, Tatang/YB1MH, Wisnu/YB0AZ, Ronny/YB9WR, Jozardy/YD1JZ, Kasmuri/ YD1MRI, Danu/YD1GCL, Terry/YC1KAF, Rizal/YD1ORZ, Suryadi/YB0JS, Yoyon/YB1CCF, Heri/YB1KAR, Terry/YC1KAF, YL Ria/YC0KVM, YL Susana/YD1LUX, Randi/YC0RAN, Syafruddin/YB9SB, YL Laily/YB0TSU, Edy/YD1XUH, Achmad/YC1CDV, Wahyu/YC1CWK, Ujang/YC0LLY, Sadao/ WK1S/JA1PBV and Dervin/PD9X. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via YB1GJS, direct or by the Bureau. A OQRS will be used on ClubLog. For more details and updates, see:

http://yb9y.com

J3, GRENADA (Update to OPDX.1104/1105)

Operators Tom/OE2ATN and Franz/ OE2SNL had to cancel their suitcase DXpedition to **Grenada Island** between October 28th and November 10th.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 5-11th)

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Aug/05th AN      Aug/08th  AN      Aug/10th  AN
Aug/06th AN      Aug/09th  AN      Aug/11th  AN
Aug/07th AN


  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
  -----------------         ------       --------    ------
  AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
  HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
  LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
  BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
  DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
  VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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NEW WEB PAGE (New Voodoo Contest Group Web Site)

Roger, G3SXW, sent out the following press release on July 29th [edited]: "The Voodoo Contest Group has taken part in CQ World-Wide CW Contest from West Africa each November for the past 19 years, operating in ten different countries. We have won the Multi-Operator contest six times. Thirty different operators have participated over the years, travelling from UK and USA.

In 2004 we published a book: 'Contesting in Africa: Multi-Multi on the Equator' describing the first ten years. It is now time to update the story. The timing of this is important because we have now come to the End of an Era, so to speak: we will no longer return to West Africa to take our large stock-pile of equipment out of storage for the 20th time. It has been donated to the Liberian Amateur Radio Association.

The modern form of 'book' is a web-site - so we have developed one. The group offers a huge vote of thanks to John Warburton, G4IRN, for investing so much skill, time and energy into this project. The site comprises offerings from many of the Contest group and tells, hopefully in detail but also in an entertaining way, the story of these past 19 years. All the facts and figures are there but more importantly also the experiences: those long bus-journeys between countries and the fascinating sights along the way, visiting African villages, and every amateur radio aspect from managing pile-ups, to maintaining deteriorating amplifiers, to negotiating transmitting licences and much, much more, embellished with many video clips. The group has certainly learned a lot about life in West Africa and thoroughly enjoyed every minute, every challenge.

Visit

http://voodoocontestgroup.com

to join us on those amazing journeys, laugh with us, take part in our celebration of two decades, almost two sunspot cycles, of Contest DXpeditioning.

Enquiries: Roger Western/G3SXW **g3sxw@btinternet.com**, John Warburton/ G4IRN **G4IRN@dxdx.co.uk**"

OO AWARD 2013 (Update)

On July 21st, His Royal Highness Prince Philippe became the new king of Belgium and His Royal Highness King Albert II has reigned for 20 years. For both occasions, all radio amateurs with a Belgian license will be allowed to use the prefix "OO" instead of "ON" from July 21st until and including September 20th, 2013. Belgian vanity callsigns (with only one letter in the suffix) may not change their prefix. Some vanity callsigns already have an "OO" prefix.

The Belgian IARU Society UBA is issuing a commemorative award for working a specific number of these OO stations. Details are as following:

Stations located in	Number of different OO stations needed	Among those worked, minimum of OO prefixes needed
Belgium	25	5
Europe, except Belgium	15	3
Outside Europe	7	2

Please note that only OO stations with at 2 or 3 letters in their suffix count towards this award. Each OO stations can only be counted once regardless of the band/mode used. The award will be issued in electronic (PDF) version. No fee required. Log extracts should be mailed before the end of 2013 to the UBA Award Manager Egbert Hertsen ON4CAS:

Egbert.hertsen@telenet.be

SWL stations may apply while indicating the callsign the OO stations had QSO with. The awards will be sent out mid October 2013.

PJ6 & PJ7, SABA AND SINT MAARTEN

Operators Rob/N7QT and Hugh/W4VAB will be heading to both **Saba [NA-145]** (November 7-17th) and **Sint Maarten [NA-105]** (November 17-24th) Islands on a suitcase mini-DXpedition. They will be using the new CrankIR portable antenna system from SteppIR, as well as Elecraft KX3/K3 transceivers. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using the following modes: CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, PSK and JT65). Operating callsigns on Saba will be PJ6/N7QT and PJ6/W4VAB. While on Sint Maarten, callssigns will be PJ7/N7QT and PJ7/W4VAB. QSL information: via LOTW, eQSL, Bureau, or Direct(SASE + IRC).

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

Operators Dennis/K2SX, Les/W2LK and Andy/K2LE will be active as homecall/PJ7 from Dawn Beach on the eastern side of **St. Maarten (NA-105**, WLOTA 0711) between November 19-26th. QSLs should go to their home calligns. Activity will include this year's CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) using a special callsign, yet to be determined. QSLs for the contest operation should go to W2LK. K2SX and W2LK have previously operated together in the CQWW contests from V31, KH6 and from Andy's super station K2LE in VT. K2LE has also been active in contests from P40LE.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (For July 28th and August 4th)
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3Z2013TSR via SP1YGL        GW9X via MW1LCR           SF2013WE via SM7HZK
4K9W via DL6KVA             HA2013AIR via HA5KDR      SI3A via SM3LIV
4L8A via K1BV               HA6D via HA6ZQ            SN13E via SQ1SDX
5Q2AE/P via I2AE            HA75KBF via HA5KBF        SN13I via SP1MGM
5Q2T via OZ0J               HB0/F5RAV via F5RAV (d)   SN13N via SP1MVG
5W1SA via JA1DXA            HB9WFF via HB9FBI         SN13Z via SP1QXK
5Z4/EA4ATI via EA4YK        HF2013TSR via SP1DPA      SN2K via SP2YWL
9A/HA0KA via HA0KA          HL2ZBD/3 via JK3IJQ       SV48FF via SV2GWY (d)
9A/HA6PS via HA6PS          II3MDS via IQ3TN (d/B)    SV8/OM6NM via OM6NM
9A/S54O via S54O            IQ3SD/3 via IQ3SD         SV8/SZ1SV via SZ1SV
9A289A via 9A9A             IT9/IW3RUA via IW3RUA     SV9/LZ3FN via LZ1PM
9A8BEN via DO1BEN           IT9/W2RE via W2RE (L)     SW8CC via M5RIC (d)
9M8Z via M0URX              LA/DL7URH via DL7URH     SX8HOMER via SV8GXQ (d)
A62A via IZ8CLM             LX/PA1AT via PA1AT        TF/PD7YY via PD7YY
C91J via ZS5J (d)           LY/DL3AWB via DL3AWB      TI60RC via TI0RC (d)
CF2I via VE2CQ (d/L)        LZ/RV3ATS via RV3ATS      TK13RNB via F8BBL
CR2F via HB9CRV             M8C via G4DFI             TO1PF via FR1GZ
CR5CW via CT7ACG            MZ5A via G3TXF            UA0IT/6 via RX6CM
CX1FU via CX2ABC            OD5ARMY via OD5NJ         UA9AC via UA9AB (d/B)
DB100AWPB via DO6NIK        OF3I via OH3BHL (d)       UA9ADG via UA9AB (d/B)
DL/9A2WJ via 9A2WJ          OG9W via OH2BCI           UE44R/9 via RX4HJ
E74A via K2PF               OH0/DL1SVA/P via DL1SVA   UE80RWW via R4AAS
E7DX via E77E               OO2OPA via ON2OPA         UP44WFF via UN6QC
E7TT via E73DPR (B)         OO3KM via ON3KM           V47JA via W5JON
EA6/AA5UK via AA5UK (B/d/L) OO4AEF via ON4AEF         V5/HB9PHJ via HB9PHJ
EF8U via EA8URL (L)         OO4RUB via ON4RUB         VP2EAF via W5SQK (d)
EJ1Y via EI5JQ              OO6YX via ON6YX           XV2JJ via JH5RXS
EM20RRC/A via UT7UT         OO7RN via ON7RN           YB3MM/7 via IZ8CCW
EM7UT via UR7UT             OR2A via ON1DX            YQ0BIKE via YO6KNE
ES8/SP7VC via SP7VC         OY/DL3UB via DL3UB        YS1/NP3J via EA5GL
F/M0RIF via M0RIF           R500AK via RK3VWA         YU0T via YU1WS
GB1100FBS via GB1100FBS (e) RA/F4CYZ via F4CYZ        ZA/IW2JOP via IW2JOP
GM2T via GM4UYZ             RA36ZF via RV9CVA         ZZ2T via PY2MNL
GV3PXT via G3PXT            SA5A via SM5DXV
              AM1CB, AM2CB, AM3CB, AM4CB, AM5CB, AM6CB,
              AM7CB, AM8CB and AM9CB via EA4RKR (e)


   (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
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ATBSG13 via: Bharat Scouts & Guides, 16 M.G.Marg, I.P.Estate, New Delhi 110002 India. Members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides activate this special callsign for the 9th Asia-Pacific Regional/Internet Jamboree. Operators were VU2RBI, VU2TCU, VU3KRT and VU3OWL.

H44IOTA QSL STATUS. QSL Manager Rex, NR6M, reports, "All QSL request for H44IOTA that I have received have been mailed out." **ADDED NOTE:** Rex reports, "H44IND has been validated by RSGB".

N2OB was active from **Long Beach Island (NA-111)**, NJ, from the Barnegat Lighthouse "Old Barney" (ARLHS USA039), on August 4th. QSL via N2OB.

NEW MANAGER. Oscar, **HK6DOS**, reports that his new QSL Manager is now Francisco, EA7FTR.

OM QSL BUREAU CHANGE. Steve, OM3JW, OM QSL Bureau Manager reports: "Postal

address of Slovak QSL Bureau was changed. New address is: Slovak Amateur Radio Association (SARA), P.O.Box 14, 900 31 Stupava, Slovakia. If you will send QSL by courier you must use address: Stefan Horecky OM3JW, Mlynska 2, 900 31 Stupava, Slovakia (mobil phone +421 903 860 235). Don't use PO Box please!"

QSL ROUTE CHANGE. Phil, N1KI, reports that he is no longer the QSL Manager for **CO2WF and T40C.** He states, "We had a good run, and I wish much DX and good luck to Winty."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5W0XT, 7Z7AB, FO4BM, FP/KV1X, GJ6YB, HK0/F6BFH, HK4SAN, JO3JIS, JT1RF, KX0XH, LT0N, LU4ECN, MJ/PA1AW, P29NI, P29VPB, R3AW, RA9CMO, RX1CQ, S55O and VA7ST

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2RX, 5N7M, 5T0SP, 6W/HA0NAR, 7T9A, 7X5KBS, C4W, D44TWO, E51M, E51EWP, ET3AA, EY8MM, FT5ZB, GS3PYE/p, H44S, J49C, J5NAR, OH1VR/VP9, SU8N, SU1IE, TO2D, TS8TI, TX5K, TZ6BB and YE1Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B9/OE4AAC, 3Z2012RKT, 4O1A, 4O3A, 4O7A, 8J1ING, 8J1R, 8J1RL, 8Q7OE, 9M2TO, AH0BT, B3C, BY1WXD/1, BY1WXD/5, C31CT, DR20BRA, FM5LD, H44GL, HF2012EFC, HS0ZJU, IS0HFE, KH0/JS1KSU, LZ1500PNB, LZ1737SSS, LZ916SS, OH0HG, SN2012GD, SN2012JZU, SN2012WA, SV9COL, T88KF, TJ3AY, TK5AE, TO4M and WH2DX

SILENT KEY

It has been reported by several sources that [edited], "**Tom Christian, VP6TC/VR6TC**, longtime famous ham from Pitcairn Island, who probably gave most of us that 'new one,' has passed away, peacefully, on July 7th. Tom was diagnosed with possible Parkinson's and early signs of Alzheimer's/dementia in December, 2009, while on a family visit in New Zealand. His wife, Betty Christian, VP6YL/VR6YL, says his health 'deteriorated all too quickly,' and the last few months were "cruel ones to watch such a strong, vibrant man reduced to where he was not really aware of his surroundings and then was unable to walk and swallow food or liquid.' Tom was buried July 8th in the cemetery on Pitcairn. Lack of available transportation prevented most of Tom and Betty's children making it back for the funeral. Tom was known as the 'Voice of Pitcairn,' was an M.B.E., Member of the British Empire, and served on the Pitcairn Island Council as the Governor's Representative for 40 years."

T33, BANABA ISLAND (Update)

It was reported on July 30th, a "40 foot container with over 17,000 pounds of equipment and supplies left this afternoon and is on its way to the Long Beach, California, terminal. It is due to sail on August 4th. The container will travel from California to New Zealand to Fiji and then on to Tarawa. Tarawa is our site of ocean departure for Banaba." For a picture and short video, go to:

http://www.t33a.com/news.html

The international team of operators are expected to activate **Banaba Island (OC-018)** sometime between November 5-18th. The current list of operators mentioned are Jay/AA4FL, Alan/AD6E, Gerhard/DJ5IW, Franz/DK1II, Dominik/DL5EBE, Axel/DL6KVA, László/HA0NAR, Al/K3VN, Cliff/KD6XH, David/N1EMC (Co-leader), Arnold/N6HC,

David/N6HD, Mike/N9NS, Ricardo/PY2PT, Jay/W2IJ (Co-leader), Charlies/W6KK, Ann/WA1S, Robert/WA1F, and Ron/WA6FGV and Chris/VK3FY.

Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Their suggested frequencies (with specific dates) have been posted on the T33A Web page. They will have six stations on the air at two different sites. A OQRS by ClubLog will be available and will be the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. Logs will be posted to Logbook Of The World (LoTW) approximately 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. Direct QSLs are via W2IJ. QSLs will also be available direct by the Bureau. For more details, visit the T33A Web page at:

http://www.t33a.com/index.htm

T8, PALAU

Masashi, JL1FUQ, will be active as T88GJ from **Palau Islands (OC-009)** between September 20-24th. Activity will be limited or dates may change because of his work, but look for him on 20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using SSB and possibly AM,PSK31 and RTTY. Equipment is Yaesu FT-897D with a THP HL-550FX amp into 6m 5 element yagi and a 2 or 3 element HF yagi. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct to: Masashi Sampei, 1-2-12-1305, Kasumigaoka, Fujimino City, Saitama Pref., 356-0006 JAPAN.

V49, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Bob, K5WA, will be active as V4/K5WA from Calypso Bay, **St. Kitts (NA-104)**, between November 20-27th. His activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) signing as V49J. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters CW. He will use an Elecraft K3 into a 31 ft. vertical. QSL V49J via W5JON direct only or via LoTW. QSL V4/K5WA via K5WA.

V5, NAMIBIA

Winfried, DK9IP, will once again be active as V55V from V52W's QTH in Omaruru this time for the Worked All Europe DX CW Contest [WAE] (August 10-11th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via DJ8VC. Before and after the contest, he will sign V5/DK9IP. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, possibly some RTTY and 6m. QSL for V5/DK9IP via his home callsign. Winfried is expected to be there between August 8-13th.

VK9NT (Closes the Financial Records)

Chris, VK3QB, reports on July 27th: "As of 14 July 2013, VK9NT finances have been closed. All operators have seen and approved of the financial records. Due to the generosity of radio amateurs and clubs, all freight costs have been reimbursed to the 11 operators. On behalf of the VK9NT team we thank all amateurs who contributed to help offset our costs. Any further donations either via the VK9NT website or via our QSL Manager will be directed to ODXG Inc to cover some of the expenses that the club paid to assist VK9NT."

W4DXCC DX AND CONTEST CONVENTION

Now in its 9th year, the W4DXCC and Contest Convention is the Southeast's largest and most highly attended ham radio event. This year W4DXCC IX takes place at the MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, on September 27-28th. A full schedule of presenters will speak on DX and Contest subjects throughout the convention. The Ten Tec Hamfest is the same day and scheduled, so both Ten Tec and W4DXCC can be taken in the same day. It is a good time to

bring the family as they can do other activities in the area. It's a great time for all. For more details, see:

http://www.w4dxcc.com
Ten Tec Hamfest: http://www.tentec.com/categories/Visit-Our-Hamfest!--2013

XR0, JUAN FERNANDEZ (Press Release/Update #2) [edited]

"Finally, the team was completed! We are pleased to to share our experience with Hans, DL6JGN.

The flights and locations have already been fixed and confirmed. Now the team will focus on technical aspect of the DXpedition, such as antennas, radios and RX systems.

Unfortunately, the island is surrounded by high mountains, and certainly does not allow us to be open to 360 degrees. Despite this, we will place our setup of antennas in order to satisfy the largest number of amateur radio operators as possible.

Surely, a major focus will be given to the RTTY, which we think is highly requested by the hamradio community.

We would like to remind you again, how important for us, is your financial support. At the time we were able to cover only part of the huge costs that this expedition required.

To give you an idea of costs, the total budget of the whole operation JUANFERNANDEZ2013 is approximately 56,000 USDs (42,000 €). That said, we would be eternally grateful if you decide to support and help us accomplish this our adventure.

On our website,

http://www.juanfernandez2013.com
you can do it (donate) very simply..... 73 XR0ZR Team"

XV, VIETNAM

Masanobu, JR5JAQ, is now active as XV2JJ. His length of stay is not known. Activity has be on 20/17/15 meters mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via JH5RXS, direct or by the Bureau.

XW, LAOS (Update)

Champ, E21EIC, will be active as XW0YJY during the Work All Europe CW Contest [WAE] (August 10-11th) as Single-Op/All- Band/Low-Power entry. Outside of the contest, Champ will try 6 meters some days (watch on 50.112 MHz). He is working in Laos and is expected to be there until September 14th. Champ's activity also will be on 160-2 meters. He mentions also that during this period he will be working between Vientiane, Laos, and Bangkok, Thailand. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW. Visit it his FaceBook and Web page at:

https://www.facebook.com/SomChamp
http://www.e21eic.net/index.php

ADDED NOTES FROM CHAMP. He states that he will be at the Tokyo Ham Fair 2013 (August 24-25th) and would like to invite all HAMs to visit the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) booth number A-12. He will be the only one at the booth. Champ mentions that he will have QSL cards with him for the stations he manages or has operated from. You can pick up a card , but please send a request to his E-mail e21eic@e21eic.net. Also, Champ will operate from Japam using his JA callsign which is JH1TEQ. QSL via E21EIC.

YF1, INDONESIA (LH and IOTA Op!)

Budi, YF1AR, (member of the YB Land DX Club) will be active as YF1AR/1 from the Cikoneng-Anyer LightHouse (ARLHS IDO-081), Banten, **Java Island (OC-021)**, between August 7-11th. QSL via N2OO. For more info, see:

http://www.yf1ar.com/2013/08/yf1ar1-cikoneng-anyer-lighthouse-banten.html

YW0, AVES ISLAND (Update to OPDX.1117)

It has been announced that the callsign YW0A has been approved by the Venezuelan's National Telecommuni- cation Commission (CONATEL). Rafael, YV5RED, reports on his Blog page

http://yv5red-tr.blogspot.com/2013/07/conatel-yw0a-aprobada-y-en-marcha.html

that "the National Telecommunications Commission authorizes the Civil Association (4M5DX Group) 4M5DX, to use the special callsign YW0A, for a period of one year, counted from the date of notification...."

The CONATEL also authorizes the following frequencies bands: "1800-2000 kHz, 3500-4000 kHz, 7000-7300 kHz, 10100-10150 kHz, 14000-14350 kHz, 18068- 18168 kHz, 21000-21450 kHz, 24890-24990 kHz, 28 to 29.7 MHz, 50-54 MHz, 144-148 MHz, 220-225 MHz, 430-440 MHz ... " No specific dates have been announced yet (just sometime between November 1st, 2013, and February 28th, 2014. It is suggested to watch the following media Web pages for updates at:
DXpedition's Web page - http://www.avesisland.info
4M5DX Group's Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/4M5DX
4M5DX Group's Twitter page - https://twitter.com/4m5dxgroup

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Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.nodxa.org

http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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